

**BEFORE THE WATER RESOURCES DEPARTMENT  
OF THE  
STATE OF OREGON**

In the Matter of Transfer Application	)	FINAL ORDER
T-12085, Klamath County	)	APPROVING A CHANGE
	)	IN PLACE OF USE

**Authority**

Oregon Revised Statutes (ORS) 537.705 and 540.505 to 540.580 establish the process in which a water right holder may submit a request to transfer the point of appropriation, place of use, or character of use authorized under an existing water right. Oregon Administrative Rules (OAR) Chapter 690, Division 380 implement the statutes and provides the Department's procedures and criteria for evaluating transfer applications.

**Applicant**

KNESS CATTLE INC  
45859 GERBER RD  
BONANZA, OR 97623

**Findings of Fact**

1. On June 16, 2015, KNESS CATTLE INC filed an application to change the place of use under Certificate 47816. The Department assigned the application number T-12085.
2. Notice of the application for transfer was published on June 23, 2015, pursuant to OAR 690-380-4000. No comments were filed in response to the notice.
3. On November 13, 2015, the Department sent a copy of the draft Preliminary Determination proposing to approve Transfer Application T-12085 to the applicant. The draft Preliminary Determination cover letter set forth a deadline of December 14, 2015, for the applicant to respond. The applicant requested to extend the completion date to October 1, 2022 and for the Department to proceed with the issuance of a Preliminary Determination and provided the necessary information to demonstrate that the applicant is authorized to pursue the transfer.
4. On March 31, 2016, the Department issued a Preliminary Determination proposing to approve Transfer Application T-12085 and sent a copy to the applicant. Additionally, notice of the Preliminary Determination for the transfer application was published in the Department's weekly notice on April 5, 2016, pursuant to ORS 540.520 and OAR 690-380-4020. No protests were filed in response to the notice.

This final order is subject to judicial review by the Court of Appeals under ORS 183.482. Any petition for judicial review must be filed within the 60-day time period specified by ORS 183.482(1). Pursuant to ORS 536.075 and OAR 137-003-0675, you may petition for judicial review or petition the Director for reconsideration of this order. A petition for reconsideration may be granted or denied by the Director, and if no action is taken within 60 days following the date the petition was filed, the petition shall be deemed denied.

5. The portion of the right to be transferred is as follows:

**Certificate:** 47816 in the names of HARRY R WAGGONER AND LUTHER R. NOBLE, G.ROGER AND KAREN S. HAMILTON (perfected under Permit G-4539)

**Use:** IRRIGATION OF 27.6 ACRES

**Priority Date:** MARCH 19, 1969

**Rate:** 0.24 CUBIC FOOT PER SECOND

**Limit/Duty:** The amount of water used for irrigation, together with the amount secured under any other right existing for the same lands, shall be limited to ONE-EIGHTIETH of one cubic foot per second per acre, or its equivalent for each acre irrigated and shall be further limited to a diversion of not to exceed 3.0 acre-feet per acre for each acre irrigated during the irrigation season of each year.

**Source:** WELL NO 2 within the LOST RIVER BASIN

**Authorized Point of Appropriation:**

Twp	Rng	Mer	Sec	Q-Q	Measured Distances
39 S	13 E	WM	29	NE NW	WELL NO. 2 - 100 FEET NORTH AND 60 FEET WEST FROM THE SE CORNER OF THE NE¼NW¼ OF SECTION 29

**Authorized Place of Use:**

IRRIGATION					
Twp	Rng	Mer	Sec	Q-Q	Acres
39 S	13 E	WM	29	NW NW	6.8
39 S	13 E	WM	29	SW NW	14.7
39 S	13 E	WM	30	SE NE	6.1
Total					27.6

6. Transfer Application T-12085 proposes to change the place of use of the right to:

IRRIGATION					
Twp	Rng	Mer	Sec	Q-Q	Acres
39 S	13 E	WM	19	SE SE	5.4
39 S	13 E	WM	29	NE NW	1.0
39 S	13 E	WM	29	NW NW	10.0
39 S	13 E	WM	29	SW NW	9.7
39 S	13 E	WM	29	SE NW	1.5
Total					27.6

**Transfer Review Criteria (OAR 690-380-4010)**

7. Water has been used within the last five years according to the terms and conditions of the right. There is no information in the record that would demonstrate that the right is subject to forfeiture under ORS 540.610.

8. A pump, pipeline, and sprinkler system sufficient to use the full amount of water allowed under the existing right were present within the five-year period prior to submittal of Transfer Application T-12085.

9. The proposed change would not result in enlargement of the right.
10. The proposed change would not result in injury to other water rights.
11. All other application requirements are met.

### **Conclusions of Law**

The change in place of use proposed in Transfer Application T-12085 is consistent with the requirements of ORS 537.705 and 540.505 to 540.580 and OAR 690-380-5000.

### **Now, therefore, it is ORDERED:**

1. The change in place of use proposed in Transfer Application T-12085 is approved.
2. The right to the use of the water is restricted to beneficial use at the place of use described, and is subject to all other conditions and limitations contained in Certificate 47816 and any related decree.
3. Water right Certificate 47816 is cancelled. A new certificate will be issued describing that portion of the right not affected by this transfer.
4. Water use measurement conditions:
  - a. Before water use may begin under this order, the water user shall install a totalizing flow meter, or, with prior approval of the Director, another suitable measuring device, at each point of appropriation.
  - b. The water user shall maintain the meter or measuring device in good working order.
  - c. The water user shall allow the Watermaster access to the meter or measuring device; provided however, where the meter or measuring device are located within a private structure, the Watermaster shall request access upon reasonable notice.
5. The former place of use of the transferred right shall no longer receive water under the right.
6. Full beneficial use of the water shall be made, consistent with the terms of this order, on or before **October 1, 2022**. A Claim of Beneficial Use prepared by a Certified Water Right Examiner shall be submitted by the applicant to the Department within one year after the deadline for completion of the change and full beneficial use of the water.

7. After satisfactory proof of beneficial use is received, a new certificate confirming the right transferred will be issued.

Dated at Salem, Oregon this 21 day of October, 2016.

  
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Dwight French, Water Right Services Administrator, for  
Thomas M. Byler, Director  
Oregon Water Resources Department

Mailing date: OCT 31 2016